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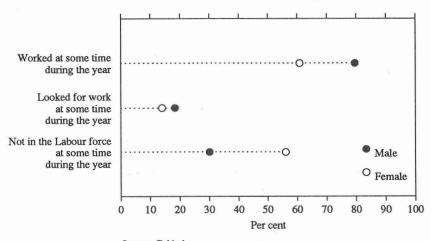
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SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

DIAGRAM 1. ALL PERSONS AGED 15 TO 69: LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1992



Source: Table 1

Overview

Labour force experience can be described in terms of a person's labour force activities over a twelve month period. "Labour force activities" comprise working and looking for work, and are measured in numbers of whole weeks spent on each activity.

In 'March 1992, Australia's civilian population included 12,154,700 persons aged between 15 and 69. Of these persons, during the twelve months ending March 1992—

- 8,545,200 persons (70%) worked at some time during the year.
- 1,971,800 persons (16%) looked for work at some time during the year.
- 5,230,600 persons (43%) were not in the labour force at some time during the year.

Note that these percentages add to more than 100 per cent as it is possible for a person to be in more than one category over the course of a twelve month period (Table 3).

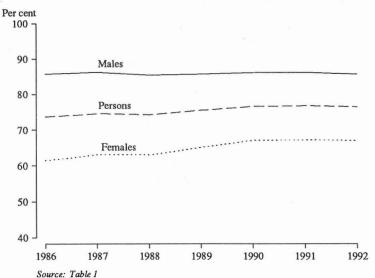
Participation in the labour force

An estimated 9,294,200 persons aged between 15 and 69 years participated in the labour force, that is, worked or looked for work at some time during the twelve months ending March 1992 (Table 3).

The proportion of people who participated in the labour force has remained steady at 77 per cent for the year ending March 1990 to the year ending March 1992. Prior to 1990, the participation rates were lower, with a rate of 74 per cent in 1986, increasing to 76 per cent in 1989. The participation rate of males has remained steady at 86 per cent for all years between 1986 and 1992. The participation rate of females has increased from 62 per cent in 1986 to 67 per cent in 1992. However there has been little change since 1990 (Table 1, Diagram 2).

The participation rate of persons aged 15 to 19 has decreased from 73 per cent in the year ending March 1986 to 69 per cent in the year ending March 1992, while the participation rate of persons in all age groups of 25 years and over has increased over the same period (Table 2).

DIAGRAM 2. LABOUR FORCE PARTICIPATION, 1986 TO 1992



Labour Force Experience

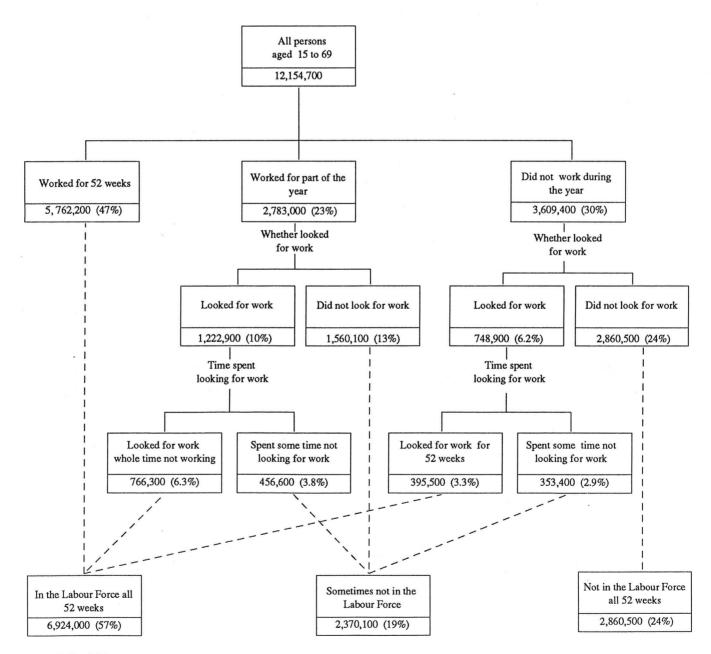
A more detailed breakdown of the labour force experience of persons aged 15 to 69 years, during the year ending March 1992, is given in Diagram 3.

An estimated 6,924,000 persons were in the labour force throughout the year. Of these, 5,762,200 persons worked for all 52 weeks; 395,500 persons looked for work for all 52 weeks, and the remaining 766,300 persons spent the whole year either working or looking for work.

Some 5,230,600 persons were not in the labour force for at least some time during the year. More than half of these persons (2,860,500) were not in the labour force at any time during the year. Of the remaining 2,370,100 persons, most (66%) had worked for part of the year, but had not looked for work when they were not working.

Of the 2,783,000 persons who had worked for part of the year, 44 per cent had looked for work for at least some time while not working (Tables 3,8,9, Diagram 3).

DIAGRAM 3. ALL PERSONS: LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1992



Source: Tables 3,8,9

Persons who worked at some time during the year An estimated 8,545,200 persons worked at some time during the year ending March 1992 (Table 3). The proportion of persons who worked at some time during the year fell by 2 percentage points since last year, to 70 per cent (Table 1).

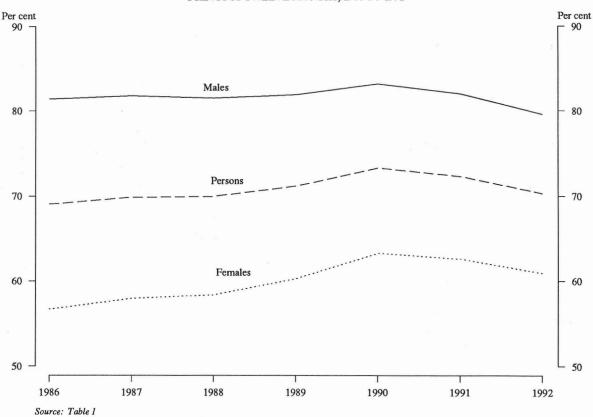
The proportion of males working at some time during the year has decreased slightly since 1990, from 83 per cent in 1990 to 80 per cent in 1992. The proportion of females working during the year has decreased from 63 per cent in 1990 to 61 per cent in 1992 (Table 1, Diagram 4).

Almost half (49%) of all persons worked at some time during the year and worked all of their weeks on a full-time basis.

Of the 8,545,200 persons who had worked at some time during the year ending March 1992—

- 5,762,200 persons (67%) had worked for the full year.
- 72 per cent of male workers had worked for 52 weeks compared with 61 per cent of female workers.
- 84 per cent of male workers had worked all their weeks on a full-time basis compared with 52 per cent of female workers.
- 9 per cent of male workers had worked all their weeks on a part-time basis compared with 38 per cent of female workers (Table 7).

DIAGRAM 4. PERSONS WHO HAD WORKED AT SOME TIME IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS, 1986 TO 1992



Persons who looked for work at some time during the year

During the year ending March 1992, 1,971,800 persons looked for work at some time. The proportion of males who looked for work at some time during the year increased from 13 per cent in 1990 to 18 per cent in 1992, and for females, there was an increase from 12 per cent in 1990 to 14 per cent in 1992 (Table 1, Diagram 5).

Of the 1,971,800 persons who looked for work during the year ending March 1992—

- 395,500 persons (20%) looked for work for the whole 52 weeks.
- 802,600 persons (41%) looked for work for less than 13 weeks.
- 81 per cent had only one spell of looking for work, with an average duration of 25 weeks (Table 8).

Persons not in the labour force at some time during the year

The number of persons not in the labour force at some time during the year ending March 1992 was 5,230,600, with 2,860,500 persons (55%) not in the labour force for the whole year.

Some 41 per cent of persons not in the labour force at some time reported 'home duties/childcare' as their main activity when not in the labour force, and a further 21 per cent reported 'attending an educational institution' as their main activity.

Of those not in the labour force at some time, 65 per cent (3,392,900), were female and 61 per cent of them reported 'home duties/childcare' as their main activity. A further 16 per cent reported 'attending an educational institution' as their main activity. In comparison, the most common main activities reported by males were 'attending an educational institution' (30%) and 'retired/voluntarily inactive' (28%). Some 5 per cent of males reported 'home duties/child care' as their main activity (Table 9).

DIAGRAM 5. PERSONS WHO HAD LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME IN THE PREVIOUS TWELVE MONTHS, 1986 TO 1992

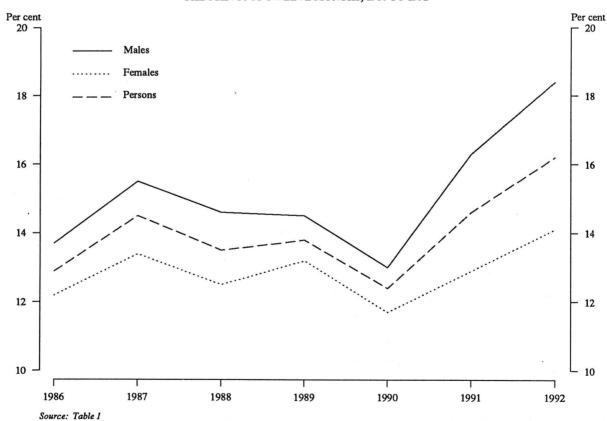


TABLE 1. ALL PERSONS: LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE, FEBRUARY 1986 TO MARCH 1992 (Per cent)

	(Per cer	nt)					
			Survey (conducted in -	_		
		Februar	y(a)		Mo	arch	
	1986 MALE	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
Not in the labour force at any time during the preceding year	14.2	13.7	14.5	14.2	13.8	13.7	14.2
In the labour force at some time during the preceding year Time in the labour force during the preceding year (weeks)—	85.8	86.3	85.5	85.8	86.2	86.3	85.8
1 and under 52	16.2	15.6	15.3	16.7	17.8	16.4	15.9
52 Worked at some time during the preceding year	69.6 81.4	70.4 81.8	70.2 81.5	69.1 81.9	68.5 83.2	69.8 82.0	69.9 79.6
Full-time/part-time status of weeks worked—	01.1	01.0	01.5	01.7	00.2	02.0	77.0
All were full-time	73.8	72.2	73.0	72.5	72.1	70.1	66.8
More full-time than part-time	2.7 0.8	3.7 1.0	2.8 0.9	3.2 0.9	3.6 1.6	4.3 1.3	4.2
More part-time than full-time All were part-time	4.1	4.8	4.8	5.3	5.9	6.3	1.5 7.1
Number of jobs held during the preceding year—							
One	67.5	67.3	66.1	65.3	69.4	71.1	71.0
Two Three	10.1 2.2	10.9 2.1	11.3 2.4	12.2 2.5	10.1 2.4	8.1 1.9	6.4 1.4
Four or more	1.6	1.5	1.7	1.9	1.3	1.0	0.7
Looked for work at some time during the preceding year	13.7	15.5	14.6	14.5	13.0	16.3	18.4
Number of spells of looking for work during the preceding year-							
One	11.3	12.2	11.7	11.7	10.1	12.9	14.8
Two Three	1.3 0.4	1.5 0.7	0.5	1.3 0.7	1.3 0.7	1.5 0.8	1.5 0.7
Four or more	0.7	0.9	0.9	1.0	0.8	1.1	1.4
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Not in the labour force at any time during the preceding year	FEMAL 38.5	ES 36.9	37.0	34.8	32.9	32.7	33.0
In the labour force at some time during the preceding year Time in the labour force during the preceding year (weeks)—	61.5	63.1	63.0	65.2	67.1	67.3	67.0
1 and under 52	24.8	24.1	23.3	24.5	26.1	25.1	23.1
Worked at some time during the preceding year	36.7 56.7	38.4 58.0	39.8 58.4	40.7 60.3	41.1 63.3	42.2 62.6	43.9 60.9
Worked at some time during the preceding year Full-time/part-time status of weeks worked—	30.7	36.0	36.4	60.5	03.3	02.0	00.9
All were full-time	32.8	32.1	33.6	33.0	33.5	33.4	31.8
More full-time than part-time	2.5	3.1	2.9	3.0	4.0	3.5	3.2
More part-time than full-time	1.9 19.5	1.8 20.9	1.7	1.9	2.8	2.5	2.7
All were part-time Number of jobs held during the preceding year—	19.5	20.9	20.3	22.5	23.0	23.2	23.2
One	47.2	48.3	48.3	48.8	52.7	54.5	54.0
Two	7.0	7.2	7.6	8.7	8.1	6.2	5.2
Three Four or more	1.5 1.0	1.4 0.8	1.6 0.9	1.8 1.0	1.7 0.9	1.4 0.6	1.2 0.5
Looked for work at some time during the preceding year	12.2	13.4	12.5	13.2	11.7	12.9	14.1
Number of spells of looking for work during the preceding year—	-2.2			10.2			
One	10.1	10.9	10.3	10.5	9.3	10.4	11.5
Two	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.3	1.1
Three Four or more	0.3 0.6	0.4 0.8	0.4 0.7	0.6 0.9	0.5 0.7	0.5 0.6	0.6 0.9
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
_1	PERSO	NS					
Not in the Johann forms at any time during the annualist and			25.7	24.4	22.2	22.1	22.5
Not in the labour force at any time during the preceding year In the labour force at some time during the preceding year Time in the labour force during the preceding year (weeks)—	26.3 73.7	25.3 74.7	25.7 74.3	24.4 75.6	23.3 76.7	23.1 76.9	23.5 76.5
1 and under 52	20.5	19.8	19.2	20.6	21.9	20.8	19.5
52	53.2	54.4	55.0	55.0	54.8	56.1	57.0
Worked at some time during the preceding year	69.1	69.9	70.0	71.2	73.3	72.3	70.3
Full-time/part-time status of weeks worked— All were full-time	53.3	52.2	53.3	52.9	52.9	51.9	49.4
More full-time than part-time	2.6	3.4	2.8	3.1	3.8	3.9	3.7
More part-time than full-time	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.4	2.2	1.9	2.1
All were part-time	11.8	12.8	12.5	13.8	14.4	14.6	15.1
Number of jobs held during the preceding year— One	57.4	57.8	57.2	57.1	61.1	62.8	62.6
Two	8.6	9.0	9.4	10.4	9.1	7.2	5.8
Three	1.9	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.1	1.6	1.3
Four or more	1.3	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.1	0.8	0.6
Looked for work at some time during the preceding year Number of spells of looking for work during the preceding year—	12.9	14.5	13.5	13.8	12.4	14.6	16.2
One	10.7	11.6	11.0	11.1	9.7	11.7	13.2
Two	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.4	1.3
Three	0.4	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.6
Four or more	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.8	1.1
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

⁽a) Prior to March 1990, the scope of the survey included persons aged 70 years and over. To enable time series comparisons, proportions from 1986 to 1989 have been revised to exclude persons aged 70 years and over.

TABLE 2. ALL PERSONS: WHETHER PARTICIPATED IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE REFERENCE PERIOD AND AGE, FEBRUARY 1986 TO MARCH 1992 (Per cent)

				Age g	group				
Survey conducted in—	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	Tota
		**************************************	MARRI	ED MALES	efficiency (St. fin healthroom and advantage considerate)				
February		***************************************							
1986	*100.0	98.5	98.6	97.8	94.3	85.8	51.5	20.5	87.2
1987	100.0	99.7	98.7	97.7	93.3	85.4	54.1	20.3	87.5
1988	*100.0	99.2	98.7	97.6	92.9	83.3	54.9	16.2	87.1
1989	100.0	98.3	98.2	97.7	93.4	81.7	60.2	17.6	87.3
March									
1990	100.0	99.1	99.0	97.7	93.8	81.6	59.1	20.0	87.5
1991	89.0	98.8	98.8	97.7	94.1	83.2	61.1	21.2	87.7
1992	100.0	99.0	98.5	97.9	94.2	81.2	60.7	23.9	87.9
			ALL	MALES					
February									
1986	74.0	97.0	97.6	96.9	92.6	83.4	51.1	18.6	85.8
1987	74.7	96.7	98.0	96.6	92.1	83.6	52.8	19.5	86.3
1988	70.1	95.6	97.3	96.4	90.8	81.2	54.5	16.3	85.5
1989	73.9	96.1	97.2	96.7	92.1	79.8	57.7	17.0	85.8
March			-	#.U.C			-		
1990	75.4	95.8	97.5	96.5	92.4	80.3	57.7	19.2	86.2
1991	72.3	96.3	97.7	96.7	92.6	81.1	58.7	20.8	86.3
1992	69.3	95.3	97.1	96.5	92.5	78.8	58.6	22.5	85.8
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February									
1986	72.2	73.4	66.8	71.8	57.4	33.2	15.1	6.9	57.2
1987	77.1	75.8	68.1	72.5	61.0	35.3	16.6	6.0	59.3
1988	59.4	77.2	69.6	73.5	60.8	32.8	13.7	6.8	59.8
1989	66.3	74.8	72.4	76.2	62.7	36.9	17.4	7.1	61.7
March	00.5	74.0	72.7	70.2	02.7	30.7	17.4	7.1	01.7
1990	73.2	80.2	75.1	79.9	66.5	39.1	18.1	5.2	64.7
1991	79.0	78.0	74.1	77.9	69.3	41.0	18.3		
1992	71.6	77.2	73.2	78.6	69.0	41.8	18.6	7.4 5.9	64.5 64.3
				EMALES					
February			, ALL I	LIVIALLO					
1986	72.8	84.5	71.1	71.9	58.7	35.8	16.3	6.6	61.5
1987	73.4	85.2	72.1	72.6	61.8	37.1	17.5	6.9	63.1
1988	68.5	86.4	73.1	73.8	61.8	35.1	15.9	6.6	63.0
1989	73.9	86.4	74.6	76.4	64.7	39.4	19.0	5.9	65.2
March	13.9	60.4	74.0	70.4	04.7	39.4	19.0	3.9	63.2
1990	73.4	86.5	78.0	80.5	66.8	20 5	107	£ 0	(7.1
1991						38.5	18.7	5.8	67.1
1992	72.3	86.4	77.4	78.6	69.6	42.5	19.6	6.9	67.3
1992	69.4	85.8	76.6	79.1	69.9	42.5	19.1	7.2	67.0
C.1			PEI	RSONS					
February	72.4	00.7	04.0	045	77.0	50.0	20.4	10.1	70.7
1986	73.4	90.7	84.3	84.5	76.0	59.8	33.4	12.1	73.7
1987	74.1	91.0	85.0	84.7	77.3	60.5	34.9	12.8	74.7
1988	69.3	91.0	85.2	85.2	76.6	58.3	35.0	11.1	74.3
1989	73.9	91.3	85.9	86.6	78.7	59.9	38.1	11.2	75.6
March					_				
1990	74.4	91.1	87.8	88.5	79.9	59.7	38.1	12.2	76.7
1991	72.3	91.4	87.5	87.7	81.4	62.1	38.7	13.6	76.9
1992	69.4	90.6	86.8	87.8	81.5	61.0	39.5	14.3	76.5

TABLE 3. ALL PERSONS: LABOUR FORCE EXPERIENCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1992 AND MARITAL STATUS
('000)

		Married		Λ	lot-married	<i>i</i>	*******	Total	
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
Not in the labour force at any time during					650	4.055.0	244.0	4.004.6	
the preceding year	448.5	1,336.1	1,784.6	417.5	658.4	1,075.9	866.0	1,994.5	2,860.5
In the labour force at some time during									
the preceding year	3,271.6	2,407.6	5,679.2	1,972.1	1,642.8	3,614.9	5,243.8	4,050.4	9,294.2
Time in the labour force during									
the preceding year (weeks)									
1 and under 4	10.5	44.6	55.1	42.8	49.6	92.4	53.3	94.2	147.5
4 and under 13	22.6	106.6	129.2	107.6	114.0	221.6	130.2	220.6	350.8
13 and under 26	36.4	116.6	153.0	103.4	104.0	207.4	139.8	220.6	360.4
26 and under 39	54.7	144.3	199.1	74.1	78.1	152.2	128.9	222.4	351.3
39 and under 49	154.2	257.9	412.1	128.7	132.4	261.1	282.9	390.3	673.2
49 and under 52	144.9	154.4	299.3	91.8	95.9	187.7	236.7	250.3	487.0
52	2,848.2	1,583.3	4,431.5	1,423.8	1,068.7	2,492.5	4,272.0	2,652.0	6,924.0
Worked at some time during									
the preceding year	3,119.2	2,253.7	5,372.9	1,745.1	1,427.3	3,172.4	4,864.3	3,680.9	8,545.2
Time worked during the preceding									
year (weeks)—		2		40.4	40.4	00.0	70.0		
1 and under 4	16.1	35.6	51.7	42.1	40.1	82.2	58.2	75.7	133.9
4 and under 13	51.9	100.1	152.0	122.9	94.8	217.7	174.7	194.9	369.6
13 and under 26	83.4	121.6	205.0	123.9	97.0	220.9	207.3	218.6	425.9
26 and under 39	127.6	154.6	282.2	135.7	104.9	240.6	263.3	259.5	522.7
39 and under 49	242.7	277.2	519.9	176.4	167.6	344.0	419.1	444.8	863.9
49 and under 52	145.2	147.4	292.7	85.8	88.4	174.2	231.0	235.9	466.9
52	2,452.3	1,417.2	3,869.5	1,058.3	834.4	1,892.8	3,510.6	2,251.6	5,762.2
Full-time/part-time status of									
weeks worked									
All were full-time	2,787.0	1,090.6	3,877.5	1,293.1	833.4	2,126.5	4,080.1	1,923.9	6,004.0
More full-time than part-time	145.6	111.9	257.5	109.3	81.8	191.1	254.9	193.7	448.6
More part-time than full-time	44.8	101.1	146.0	49.0	62.5	111.4	93.8	163.6	257.4
All were part-time	141.8		1,091.9	293.7		743.4	435.5	1,399.7	1,835.2
Number of jobs held during the									
preceding year-									
One	2,850.9	2,058.9	4,909.8	1,489.4	1,205.6	2,695.0	4,340.3	3,264.5	7,604.7
Two	208.2	153.2	361.4	185.3	162.6	347.9	393.5	315.8	709.3
Three	42.3		70.4	44.1		86.3	86.4		156.7
Four or more	17.8		31.3	26.4		43.3	44.2		
Looked for work at some time during									
the preceding year	506.1	360.2	866.3	616.1	489.4	1,105.5	1,122.1	849.7	1,971.8
Number of spells of looking for work									
during the preceding year-									
	411.3	296.8	708.1	495.4	399.4	894.8	906.7	696.2	1,602.9
One									•
Two	37.7			51.5		89.7	89.3		
Three Four or more	18.3 38.8			24.8 44.3		44.9 76.0	43.1 83.1		
	3,720.1		7,463.8	2,389.6	2,301.2	4,690.8	6,109.7		12,154.

TABLE 4. ALL PERSONS: WHETHER IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1992, AGE AND MARITAL STATUS (Per cent)

		Married	-		lot-married			Total	
Age group	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
			WORKED .	AT SOME T	TIME				
15-19	83.0	48.2	54.9	55.4	54.5	55.0	55.6	54.3	55.0
20-24	88.5	69.4	76.0	85.1	80.1	82.9	85.7	76.8	81.3
25-34	94.3	67.5	79.9	87.3	75.9	82.4	91.5	70.0	80.7
35-44	94.4	74.2	84.4	83.2	72.4	77.5	92.3	73.8	83.1
45-54	90.7	65.8	78.9	76.5	65.5	70.5	88.3	65.7	77.3
55-59	76.7	40.1	59.4	59.1	42.6	49.7	73.8	40.7	57.5
60-64	54.2	18.2	38.3	40.9	19.2	27.6	51.8	18.5	35.7
65-69	22.7	5.8	14.7	16.1	9.0	11.2	21.3	7.1	13.7
Total	83.8	60.2	72.0	73.0	62.0	67.6	79.6	60.9	70.3
		LOO	KED FOR W	ORK AT SO	OME TIME		Section of the sectio		
15-19	*58.1	44.0	46.7	29.5	29.6	29.5	29.7	30.1	29.9
20-24	34.2	21.6	25.9	30.8	27.7	29.4	31.4	25.8	28.6
25-34	18.5	13.7	15.9	26.3	20.7	23.9	21.6	15.8	18.7
35-44	13.7	10.6	12.2	20.6	19.1	19.8	15.0	12.4	13.7
45-54	11.0	6.6	8.9	17.5	15.0	16.1	12.0	8.3	10.2
55-59	10.8	2.9	7.1	14.7	5.1	9.2	11.5	3.4	7.5
60-64	10.9	*0.4	6.3	11.1	*2.2	5.6	11.0	*1.0	6.1
65-69	1.7	*0.1	0.9	*1.4	*0.5	*0.8	1.6	*0.3	0.9
Total	13.6	9.6	11.6	25.8	21.3	23.6	18.4	14.1	16.2
		IN TH	E LABOUR I	ORCE AT	SOME TIME				
15-19	100.0	71.6	77.1	69.1	69.3	69.2	69.3	69.4	69.4
20-24	99.0	77.2	84.7	94.6	89.7	92.4	95.3	85.8	90.6
25-34	98.5	73.2	84.9	94.9	84.4	90.4	97.1	76.6	86.8
35-44	97.9	78.6	88.4	90.4	81.4	85.7	96.5	79.1	87.8
45-54	94.2	69.0	82.2	83.8	73.2	78.0	92.5	69.9	81.5
55-59	81.2	41.8	62.6	66.2	44.9	54.0	78.8	42.5	61.0
60-64	60.7	18.6	42.0	48.8	20.5	31.4	58.6	19.1	39.5
65-69	23.9	5.9	15.4	16.9	9.4	11.7	22.5	7.2	14.3
Total	87.9	64.3	76.1	82.5	71.4	77.1	85.8	67.0	76.5
		NOT IN 7	THE LABOU	R FORCE A	T SOME TIM	ИE			
15-19	*18.8	66.0	56.9	69.6	72.4	71.0	69.2	72.2	70.7
20-24.	12.4	49.9	37.0	29.2	36.5	32.5	26.6	40.7	33.5
25-34	13.9	56.2	36.6	20.8	35.0	26.9	16.6	49.8	33.2
35-44	12.4	47.5	29.7	22.5	39.4	31.4	14.2	45.8	30.0
45-54	16.1	49.7	32.1	27.7	42.7	35.9	18.0	48.3	32.8
55-59	33.2	72.2	51.6	45.0	65.4	56.7	35.2	70.6	52.6
60-64	52.2	88.3	68.2	63.2	88.2	78.6	54.2	88.2	70.6
65-69	86.3	95.7	90.7	87.8	94.7	92.6	86.6	95.3	91.3
Total	23.4	57.7	40.6	40.4	53.6	46.9	30.1	56.1	43.0

TABLE 5. ALL PERSONS: TIME IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1992, MARITAL STATUS AND AGE ('000)

Time in the labour force				Age gro	ир				
during the year (weeks)	15-19	20-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-59	60-64	65-69	Total
			MARR	IED MALES					
Nil	*0.0	*1.1	12.6	22.8	48.1	58.5	118.7	186.7	448.5
1 and under 4	*0.0	*0.4	*1.3	*1.4	*1.3	*3.4	*1.5	*1.3	10.5
4 and under 13	*0.0	*0.7	4.0	3.6	*3.3	*2.7	4.7	3.6	22.6
13 and under 26	*0.0	*0.9	5.3	5.8	6.4	5.9	6.0	6.0	36.4
26 and under 39	*0.0	*2.2	10.2	10.1	11.4	8.0	7.0	5.9	54.7
39 and under 49	*0.4	6.5	39.2	41.8	31.9	13.9	14.3	6.2	154.2
49 and under 52	*0.6	*2.3	43.6	48.0	31.5	11.1	5.5	*2.2	144.9
52	4.3	98.9	720.1	942.1	697.1	207.8	144.4	33.5	2,848.2
Total	5.3	112.9	836.4	1,075.7	831.0	311.2	302.1	245.5	3,720.1
				MALES(a)					
Nil	202.7	33.1	40.7	45.7	74.7	79.0	151.9	238.1	866.0
1 and under 4	33.2	5.8	3.8	*2.0	*2.0	3.5	*1.6	*1.3	53.3
4 and under 13	69.5	26.2	11.3	4.9	4.7	3.6	6.2	3.9	130.2
13 and under 26	61.8	24.3	15.1	9.2	8.3	7.1	6.7	7.4	139.8
26 and under 39	31.2	19.4	23.3	16.5	13.2	9.2	9.6	6.5	128.9
39 and under 49	36.1	47.6	67.7	52.2	39.7	16.0	16.7	6.9	282.9
49 and under 52	22.8	31.0	68.7	56.9	36.7	12.3	6.1	*2.2	236.7
52	203.8	518.2	1,156.3	1,127.5	815.8	241.2	168.2	41.1	4,272.0
Total	661.2	705.5	1,386.9	1,314.8	995.2	371.9	366.9	307.3	6,109.7
-		10.0		ED FEMALE		1616	1077	206.0	1.00/ 1
Nil	6.3	49.2	260.7	223.9	232.7	161.6	195.7	206.0	1,336.1
1 and under 4	*0.2	4.1	20.6	11.7	5.3	*1.8	*0.7	*0.1	44.6
4 and under 13	*2.2	8.8	42.5	30.5	14.5	5.7	*1.9	*0.4	106.6
13 and under 26	*2.0	9.8	49.2 55.3	31.8 46.8	15.3	4.8 5.2	*3.1 *2.6	*0.6 *0.4	116.6 144.3
26 and under 39	*1.3	12.7			20.1		5.7	*1.1	257.9
39 and under 49	*2.1	12.4 10.5	75.1 43.3	93.1 58.1	52.5 33.0	15.8 5.7	*2.3	*0.8	154.4
49 and under 52 52	*0.6 7.6	107.8	426.9	548.4	377.6	77.3	28.2	9.5	1,583.3
Total	22.2	215.3	973.6	1,044.3	751.1	277.9	240.3	218.9	3,743.7
			ALL F	EMALES(a)					
Nil	195.7	98.4	326.1	273.7	285.7	206.3	277.4	331.2	1,994.5
1 and under 4	28.7	11.3	25.9	15.5	6.5	*3.1	*2.2	*0.9	94.2
4 and under 13	65.4	30.7	55.0	39.7	19.7	6.7	*2.4	*1.0	220.6
13 and under 26	60.3	28.0	62.7	38.1	19.3	5.7	4.4	*2.0	220.6
26 and under 39	31.7	29.0	68.2	55.9	24.7	6.3	5.4	*1.2	222.4
39 and under 49	47.5	47.4	96.6	108.5	62.4	17.8	7.7	*2.4	390.3
49 and under 52	32.5	36.6	59.1	70.0	39.6	7.6	*3.2	*1.7	250.3
52	177.9	410.9	699.2	710.5	491.1	105.4	40.3	16.8	2,652.0
Total	639.6	692.4	1,392.7	1,312.0	949.0	359.0	343.0	357.1	6,044.9
				ERSONS					-
Nil	398.4	131.6	366.8	319.4	360.4	285.3	429.2	569.3	2,860.5
1 and under 4	61.9	17.0	29.8	17.6	8.5	6.7	3.8	*2.2	147.5
4 and under 13	134.9	56.8	66.2	44.7	24.4	10.3	8.6	4.9	350.8
13 and under 26	122.1	52.3	77.8	47.3	27.6	12.8	11.1	9.3	360.4
26 and under 39	62.8	48.4	91.4	72.4	37.9	15.5	15.1	7.7	351.3
39 and under 49	83.6	95.0	164.3	160.7	102.1	33.8	24.5	9.3	673.2
49 and under 52	55.3	67.7	127.8	126.9	76.4	19.9	9.2	3.9	487.0
52	381.7	929.0	1,855.5	1,837.9	1,306.9	346.6	208.5	57.9	6,924.0
Total	1,300.8	1,397.9	2,779.6	2,626.8	1,944.2	730.9	709.9	664.5	12,154.

⁽a) Includes those not married.

		Married		Λ	lot-married			Total	
Age group	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
15-19	*58.1	61.5	60.6	42.7	42.7	42.7	42.9	43.3	43.1
20-24	34.5	28.0	30.6	32.6	30.8	31.8	32.9	30.0	31.6
25-34	18.8	18.8	18.8	27.7	24.6	26.4	22.2	20.7	21.6
35-44	14.0	13.6	13.8	22.8	23.5	23.2	15.5	15.6	15.6
45-54	11.6	9.6	10.8	20.9	20.5	20.7	13.0	11.9	12.6
55-59	13.3	7.0	11.4	22.2	11.3	17.0	14.6	8.1	12.3
60-64	18.0	*2.3	14.9	22.8	*10.8	18.0	18.7	*5.0	15.5
65-69	6.9	*1.9	6.0	*8.5	*5.3	*6.8	7.2	*3.6	6.2
Total	15.5	15.0	15.3	31.2	29.8	30.6	21.4	21.0	21.2

TABLE 7. PERSONS WHO WORKED AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1992: TIME WORKED DURING THE YEAR, MARITAL STATUS AND FULL-TIME/PART-TIME STATUS DURING THE YEAR ('000)

Time worked during		Married		Λ	lot-married			Total	
the preceding year (weeks)	Males	Females TIME V	Persons WORKED W	Males AS ALL FU	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
1 and under 4	7.9	9.5	17.4	17.7	10.6	28.4	25.6	20.1	45.7
4 and under 13	32.6	25.3	57.9	64.7	29.9	94.6	97.3	55.1	152.5
13 and under 26	57.6	39.3	96.8	60.3	29.6	89.9	117.9	68.8	186.7
26 and under 39	89.5	51.2	140.7	70.6	33.9	104.4	160.1	85.1	245.2
39 and under 49	166.0	72.2	238.2	94.5	56.5	151.1	260.5	128.7	389.3
49 and under 52	116.7	42.7	159.4	50.1	28.0	78.1	166.8	70.6	237.5
52	2,316.7	850.5	3,167.1	935.1	644.9	1,580.1	3,251.8	1,495.4	4,747.2
Total	2,787.0	1,090.6	3,877.5	1,293.1	833.4	2,126.5	4,080.1	1,923.9	6,004.0
	TIME	WORKED W	VAS MORE						
1 and under 4	*0.0	*0.4	*0.4	*0.1	*1.4	*1.5	*0.1	*1.8	*1.9
4 and under 13	*2.5	*2.3	4.8	6.5	5.7	12.2	9.0	8.0	17.0
13 and under 26	7.4	8.4	15.9	12.6	5.7	18.3	20.0	14.1	34.1
26 and under 39	13.6	11.0	24.6	21.4	10.4	31.8	35.1	21.4	56.5
39 and under 49	40.9	20.8	61.7	22.6	18.5	41.1	63.6	39.3	102.9
49 and under 52	15.6	10.2	25.8	10.5	10.1	20.6	26.0	20.3	46.3
52	65.6	58.8	124.4	35.6	29.9	65.5	101.1	88.7	189.9
Total	145.6	111.9	257.5	109.3	81.8	191.1	254.9	193.7	448.6
			VAS MORE I						
1 and under 4	*0.3	*0.0	*0.3	*0.7	*0.7	*1.3	*0.9	*0.7	*1.6
4 and under 13	*2.7	4.0	6.7	3.5	*2.3	5.8	6.2	6.2	12.4
13 and under 26	4.1	4.2	8.3	7.8	4.8	12.6	11.8	9.0	20.8
26 and under 39	7.7	11.5	19.2	9.2	9.9	19.1	16.9	21.4	38.3
39 and under 49	12.8	20.2	33.1	11.6	15.4	27.0	24.5	35.6	60.1
49 and under 52	4.2	8.6	12.8	5.2	8.7	13.9	9.4	17.3	26.7
52	13.0	52.7	65.8	11.0	20.7	31.7	24.0	73.4	97.4
Total	44.8	101.1	146.0	49.0	62.5	111.4	93.8	163.6	257.4
			VORKED W.						
1 and under 4	7.9	25.7	33.7	23.6	27.3	51.0	31.6	53.1	84.6
4 and under 13	14.1	68.6	82.6	48.1	57.0	105.0	62.2	125.5	187.7
13 and under 26	14.4	69.7	84.1	43.2	57.0	100.2	57.6	126.7	184.3
26 and under 39	16.7	80.9	97.6	34.5	50.7	85.2	51.1	131.6	182.8
39 and under 49	22.9	164.0	186.9	47.6	77.2	124.8	70.5	241.2	311.7
49 and under 52 52	8.7 57.1	86.0 455.2	94.7 512.2	20.1 76.6	41.6 138.9	61.7 215.5	28.8 133.7	127.6 594.0	156.4 727.7
Total	141.8	950.1	1,091.9	293.7	449.6	743.4	435.5	1,399.7	1,835.2
				TAL					
1 and under 4	16.1	35.6	51.7	42.1	40.1	82.2	58.2	75.7	133.9
4 and under 13	51.9	100.1	152.0	122.9	94.8	217.7	174.7	194.9	369.6
13 and under 26	83.4	121.6	205.0	123.9	97.0	220.9	207.3	218.6	425.9
26 and under 39	127.6	154.6	282.2	135.7	104.9	240.6	263.3	259.5	522.7
39 and under 49	242.7	277.2	519.9	176.4	167.6	344.0	419.1	444.8	863.9
49 and under 52	145.2	147.4	292.7	85.8	88.4	174.2	231.0	235.9	466.9
52	2,452.3	1,417.2	3,869.5	1,058.3	834.4	1,892.8	3,510.6	2,251.6	5,762.2
Total	3,119.2	2,253.7	5,372.9	1,745.1	1,427.3	3,172.4	4,864.3	3,680.9	8,545.2

TABLE 8. PERSONS WHO LOOKED FOR WORK AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1992: NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKING FOR WORK, TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORK AND AGE

Time spent looking			A	ge group				
for work (weeks)	15-19	20-24 ONE SDE	25-34	35-44 ING FOR WOI	45-54	55-59	60-64	Total(a)
		ONE SPE	— '000		(V			
1 and under 2	32.1	18.8	28.9	17.8	7.2	*2.4	*1.2	108.7
2 and under 4	38.6	22.7	35.7	25.9	10.6	*2.1	*0.9	136.8
4 and under 8	49.6	39.8	49.8	31.9	17.7	*2.3	*1.9	193.4
8 and under 13	49.6	44.3	51.4	31.9	19.0	*3.1	*2.6	202.0
13 and under 26	56.6	59.0	66.7	41.5	22.1	5.1	3.9	255.7
26 and under 52	46.5	65.7	82.1	63.2	33.3	11.9	6.9	310.8
52	49.0	75.5	98.4	75.1	55.6	19.5	20.4	395.5
Total	321.9	325.8	413.0	287.2	165.4	46.5	37.7	1,602.9
Males	162.3	179.4	234.7	154.9	99.0	36.5	35.3	906.7
Females	159.7	146.5	178.3 — week	132.3	66.4	10.0	*2.4	696.2
Average duration(b)	18.6	24.5	24.5	26.0	29.2	33.7	37.4	24.7
Median duration(b)	12	18	18	22	26	39	52	18
		TWO SPE		ING FOR WO	RK			
2 and under 4	4.9	*2.6	'000 4.6	3.8	*1.1	*0.7	*0.2	17.8
4 and under 8	5.3	6.0	5.7	3.5	*2.6	*0.3	*0.0	23.4
8 and under 13	6.0	6.3	5.8	3.6	*1.2	*0.6	*0.0	23.6
13 and under 26	5.1	7.1	8.4	7.7	*1.5	*0.5	*0.0	30.2
26 and under 52	9.1	15.6	19.4	8.8	4.8	*1.0	*1.0	59.7
Total	30.4	37.5	43.8	27.5	11.3	*3.0	*1.2	154.7
Males	16.1	21.7	26.8	15.3	6.3	*1.9	*1.2	89.3
Females	14.3	15.8	17.0	12.2	5.0	*1.1	*0.0	65.5
Average duration(b)	17.1	21.2	— week 21.9	rs — 18.7	21.4	*15.9	*39.0	20.2
Median duration(b)	12	20	22	17	16	8	47	17
	TH	REE OR MOR	E SPELLS OF	LOOKING F	OR WORK			
			'000) —				
3 and under 4	*2.3	*0.9	*2.1	*1.8	*1.6	*0.1	*0.5	9.3
4 and under 8	6.2	3.8	10.0	7.5	*3.3	*1.2	*1.1	33.3
8 and under 13	7.8	9.0	17.1	11.5	5.9	*1.3	*1.4	54.2
13 and under 26	9.5	9.7	14.6	8.0	6.1	*1.7	*0.7	50.3
26 and under 52	10.9	13.2	19.6	15.9	5.5	*1.1	*0.9	67.0
Total	36.6	36.5	63.4	44.7	22.4	5.4	4.6	214.1
Males	18.2	20.4	38.0	26.8	14.7	4.2	3.7	126.2
Females	18.4	16.2	25.4 — week	17.9	7.8	*1.2	*0.9	88.0
Average duration(b)	17.6	20.0	17.8	18.9	17.6	16.5	12.4	18.2
Median duration(b)	13	18	14	14	13	13	9	14
			TOTAL					
1 and under 2	32.1	18.8	'000 28.9	17.8	7.2	*2.4	*1.2	108.7
2 and under 4	45.7	26.2	42.4	31.6	13.3	*2.4	*1.6	163.9
4 and under 8	61.1	49.5	65.5	42.9	23.6	3.8	*3.0	250.1
8 and under 13	63.4	59.7	74.3	47.0	26.1	5.0	4.0	279.8
13 and under 26	71.1	75.8	89.8	57.2	29.7	7.4	4.6	336.2
26 and under 52	66.5	94.5	121.0	87.9	43.6	14.0	8.8	437.
52	49.0	75.5	98.4	75.1	55.6	19.5	20.4	395.5
Total	388.9	399.9	520.2	359.3	199.1	54.9	43.5	1,971.
Males	196.6	221.4	299.5	196.9	119.9	42.6	40.2	1,122.
Females	192.4	178.5	220.7	162.4	79.2	12.3	*3.3	849.
Average duration (b)	10 4	23.8	— weel 23.4		27.4	21.1	240	22
Average duration(b) Median duration(b)	18.4 12	18	18	24.6 20	27.4	31.1 31	34.8 47	23.
Triculati duration(b)	12	10	ooking for work		23	31	47	1

⁽a) Includes persons aged 65-69. (b) Duration of total weeks spent looking for work during the year.

TABLE 9. PERSONS NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE AT SOME TIME DURING THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1992: MAIN ACTIVITY WHEN NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE AND TIME NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE ('000)

Main activity			Time not in t	he labour for	ce (weeks)			
when not in	11	4 4	121	26 1	20	40		
the labour force	1 and	4 and under 13	13 and under 26	26 and under 39	39 and under 49	49 and under 52	52	T-4-1
	under 4		ALES	unaer 39	unaer 49	unaer 32	32	Total
D. d. L. d. d. d. d.	20.5	32.9	20.8	21.0	18.7	7.0	403.1	523.9
Retired or voluntarily inactive Home duties/childcare	12.4	16.5	10.5	7.6	7.1	*2.0	35.9	91.9
Attended an educational institution	8.5	36.1	37.7	80.5	108.8	38.0	243.0	552.6
Unpaid leave	35.8	24.0	3.8	*1.0	*0.3	*0.0	*0.3	65.2
	19.2	28.7	18.9	14.3	7.9	3.7		251.0
Own illness, injury/disability	*0.7	*1.4	*0.5	*0.2	*0.7		158.3	
Looking after ill/disabled person		97.4	17.8		7.0	*0.2	6.2 *2.4	10.0
Travelled, moved house, holiday	124.2			13.1		*0.9	1000 0 100	262.8
Worked in an unpaid voluntary job	*1.1	*3.3	*1.6	*1.8	*0.6	*0.6	9.8	18.9
Other	14.3	22.6	8.5	5.8	*2.3	*1.0	7.0	61.4
Total	236.7	262.8	120.1	145.4	153.5	53.3	866.0	1,837.7
		FEI	MALES					
Retired or voluntarily inactive	9.6	13.5	5.5	6.4	4.9	*2.8	227.9	270.8
Home duties/childcare	42.7	143.4	116.2	140.2	137.9	53.9	1,421.1	2,055.4
Attended an educational institution	10.9	41.7	39.3	75.1	98.5	33.9	231.1	530.5
Unpaid leave	33.1	26.3	4.9	*1.4	*1.1	*0.0	*0.5	67.2
Own illness, injury/disability	20.4	19.8	7.0	4.6	3.8	*1.0	58.0	114.7
Looking after ill/disabled person	*1.8	*2.3	*2.0	*2.3	*1.2	*0.3	18.8	28.7
Travelled, moved house, holiday	123.9	105.7	15.3	9.7	5.0	*0.3	4.4	264.2
Worked in an unpaid voluntary job	*1.1	*2.0	*1.7	*1.3	*2.8	*1.6	28.0	38.5
Other	6.7	5.5	*1.9	*2.2	*1.5	*0.4	4.6	22.9
Total	250.3	360.2	193.9	243.1	256.7	94.2	1,994.5	3,392.9
		PEI	RSONS					
Retired or voluntarily inactive	30.1	46.4	26.3	27.4	23.7	9.8	631.0	794.7
Home duties/childcare	55.1	159.8	126.7	147.8	145.0	55.9	1,457.1	2,147.3
Attended an educational institution	19.4	77.8	77.0	155.7	207.4	71.8	474.1	1.083.1
Unpaid leave	68.9	50.3	8.7	*2.4	*1.4	*0.0	*0.8	132.4
Own illness, injury/disability	39.7	48.4	25.9	18.9	11.8	4.7	216.3	365.6
Looking after ill/disabled person	*2.5	3.8	*2.6	*2.6	*1.9	*0.5	25.0	38.7
Travelled, moved house, holiday	248.1	203.1	33.1	22.8	11.9	*1.2	6.8	527.1
Worked in an unpaid voluntary job	*2.2	5.4	*3.3	*3.1	*3.4	*2.2	37.8	57.4
Other	21.0	28.1	10.3	7.9	3.8	*1.4	11.7	84.3
Total	487.0	623.0	314.0	388.5	410.2	147.5	2,860.5	5,230.6

TABLE 10. ALL POPULATIONS BY STATES AND TERRITORIES OF USUAL RESIDENCE ('000)

	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Northern Territory	Australian Capital Territory	Australia
Population 1: All persons (excluding institutionalised and boarding school pupils)	4,125.2	3,119.3	2,080.0	1,022.0	1,176.6	314.3	107.5	209.8	12,154.7
Population 2: Persons in the labour force at some time during the year ending March 1992	3,107.9	2,379.4	1,605.4	783.9	918.5	232.3	90.6	176.1	9,294.2
Population 3: Persons who worked at some time during the year ending March 1992	2,874.1	2,167.2	1,483.4	714.9	845.9	211.4	84.4	164.0	8,545.2
Population 4: Persons who looked for work at some time during the year ending March 1992	609.8	515.0	358.1	173.0	213.5	50.4	21.2	30.9	1,971.8
Population 5: Persons not in the labour force at some time during the year ending March 1992	1,763.6	1,301.8	930.3	453.2	510.8	144.6	43.8	82.6	5,230.6
Population 6: Persons currently working who had worked for one year or more in current job	1,903.1	1,441.2	881.5	444.6	510.2	131.7	49.0	103.9	5,465.3

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Introduction

The monthly population survey (which is described in *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0)) comprises the monthly labour force survey and supplementary topics. This publication contains some results of a supplementary survey run in association with the March 1992 labour force survey conducted throughout Australia.

2. Those respondents to the labour force survey who fell within the scope of the supplementary survey were asked additional questions. They were asked the length of time they worked or looked for work, the number of spells during which they looked for work and other aspects of labour force experience for the 52 weeks up to the end of the week before the interview.

Scope

- 3. The scope of this supplementary survey was the same as that used for the labour force survey (described in full in *The Labour Force*, *Australia* (6203.0)) except that it was restricted to persons aged 15 to 69. Visitors to private dwellings, students who were boarding at school, some patients in hospitals and sanatoriums and inmates of reformatories, gaols, etc. have also been excluded.
- 4. In the tables, 'All Persons' refers to all persons within the scope of the survey.

Coverage

5. In the population survey, coverage rules are applied which aim to ensure that each person is associated with only one dwelling, and hence has only one chance of selection. See *The Labour Force*, *Australia* (6203.0) for more details.

Definitions

- 6. Definitions of labour force and demographic classifications appearing in this publication are given in *The Labour Force*, *Australia* (6203.0).
- 7. Labour force experience characteristics relate to the 52 weeks up to the end of the week before the interview. Unless otherwise stated, all other characteristics referenced in this publication relate to the week before the interview.

Results of the survey

- 8. The estimates relate to persons covered by the survey in March 1992. Because of emigration, deaths, etc., not all persons with labour force experience during the period were covered. Labour force experience may relate to experience outside Australia.
- 9. Results of similar surveys, conducted in February 1969, 1973, 1975, 1976, 1977, annually from February 1979 to February 1989 and annually since March 1990, have been given in previous issues of this publication.
- 10. It is proposed that this survey will be conducted next in March 1993.

Unpublished statistics

11. As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant unpublished data available. Inquiries should be made to the contact in the Inquiries box on the Contents page.

Comparability of series

12. It is impracticable to obtain information relating to a whole year which is strictly comparable with that obtained in the monthly labour force survey for which the reference period is one week. The definitions used in determining the labour force status of persons in the monthly survey depend on a detailed set of questions asked about a person's labour force activity during the reference week. For the survey of labour force experience, a person is assigned to a labour force category on the basis of a more limited set of questions. It is for this reason that the terms worked and looked for work are used in this survey rather than the precisely defined terms employed and unemployed used in the monthly labour force survey.

Discontinuities in the series

13. All surveys prior to March 1990 were run in February. Therefore, the estimates for surveys since March 1990 are not strictly comparable with those obtained from pre-March 1990 surveys. The scope of surveys run prior to March 1990 included persons aged 15 and over. From March 1990 the surveys have been restricted to exclude all persons aged 70 and over (see paragraph 3). Historical estimates contained in this publication for the years 1986 to 1989 have been revised to enable comparisons of estimates from this and the March 1990 and 1991 surveys.

Sample size

14. In previous years this supplementary survey has been conducted on either 50 per cent or 75 per cent of the dwellings selected in the Labour Force Survey. Since March 1990 this has been expanded to the full sample size. As a result the standard errors for this survey differ from those applicable to previous surveys.

Estimation procedure

15. The estimates are derived from the population survey by use of a ratio estimation procedure, which ensures that the estimates conform to an independently estimated distribution of the population for each capital city and remainder of State by age, sex and labour force status, rather than to the corresponding distribution within the sample itself.

Reliability of the estimates

16. Estimates in this publication are subject to sampling and non-sampling errors. For more information refer to the Technical Notes, Page 16.

Related publications

17. Other ABS publications which may be of interest include:

The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0) — issued monthly

Persons Not in the Labour Force, Australia (6220.0) — issued annually

Job Search Experience of Unemployed Persons, Australia, (6222.0) — issued annually

Persons who have Left the Labour Force, Australia, (6267.0) — issued irregularly

Successful and Unsuccessful Job Search Experience, Australia, (6245.0) — issued two-yearly

Labour Mobility, Australia (6209.0) - issued annually

Persons who had Re-entered the Labour Force, Australia, (6264.0) — issued irregularly

Information Paper: Measuring Employment and Unemployment (6279.0) 18. Current publications produced by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products*, (1101.0). The ABS also issues, on Tuesdays and Fridays, a *Publications Advice* (1105.0) which lists publications to be released in the next few days. The Catalogue and Publications Advice are available from any ABS office.

Symbols and other usages

- * subject to sampling variability too high for most practical uses. See the Technical Notes, Page 16.
- . not applicable
- 19. Because estimates have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

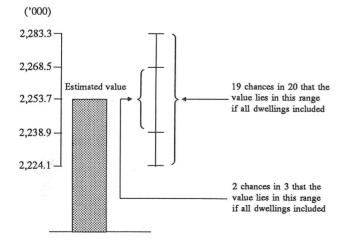
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TECHNICAL NOTES

Since the estimates in this publication are based on information obtained from occupants of a sample of dwellings, they are subject to sampling variability, that is, they may differ from those that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey. One measure of the likely difference is given by the standard error, which indicates the extent to which an estimate might have varied by chance because only a sample of dwellings was included. There are about two chances in three that a sample estimate will differ by less than one standard error from the number that would have been obtained if all dwellings had been included, and about nineteen chances in twenty that the difference will be less than two standard errors. Another measure of the likely difference is the relative standard error, which is obtained by expressing the standard error as a percentage of the estimate.

- 2. Space does not allow for the separate indication of the standard errors of all estimates in this publication. A table of standard errors for general application is given on the following page. Since they are averages based on calculations for a limited number of past surveys over a wide range of labour force characteristics these numbers will not give a precise measure of the standard error of a particular estimate but they will provide an indication of its magnitude.
- 3. An example of the calculation and the use of standard errors in relation to estimates of persons is as follows. Table 3 shows the estimated number of married females who worked at some time during the year ending March 1992 was 2,253,700. Since this estimate is between 2,000,000 and 5,000,000, the table below shows the standard error for Australia will be between 14,300 and 19,700 and can be approximated by interpolation as 14,800 (rounded to the nearest 100). Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the value that would have been produced if all dwellings had been included in the survey will fall in the range 2,238,900 to 2,268,500 and about nineteen chances in twenty that the value will fall within the range 2,224,100 and 2,283,300. This example is illustrated in the following diagram.



- 4. As can be seen from the standard error table, the smaller the estimate the higher is the relative standard error. Very small estimates are thus subject to such high standard errors (relative to the size of the estimate) as to detract seriously from their value for most reasonable uses. In this publication, only estimates with relative standard errors less than 25 per cent are considered sufficiently reliable for most purposes. However, estimates with larger relative standard errors have been included and are preceded by an asterisk (e.g. *3.4) to indicate they are subject to high standard errors and should be used with caution.
- 5. Proportions and percentages formed from the ratio of two estimates are also subject to sampling errors. The size of the error depends on the accuracy of both the numerator and the denominator. A formula to approximate the relative standard error (RSE) of a proportion is given below:

RSE
$$(x/y) = \sqrt{[RSE (x)]^2 - [RSE (y)]^2}$$

- 6. Considering the example from paragraph 3 above, these females as a proportion of all married females (3,743,700) is 60 per cent. The standard error for 3,743,700 is approximately 17,400 so the relative standard error is 0.5 per cent. The relative standard error for 2,253,700 is 0.7 per cent. Applying the above formula, the relative standard error of the proportion is $\sqrt{(0.7)^2 (0.5)^2}$ or 0.5 per cent, giving a standard error for the proportion (60 per cent) of 0.3 percentage points. Therefore, there are about two chances in three that the proportion of married females who worked at some time during the year is between 59.7 per cent and 60.3 per cent and nineteen chances in twenty that the proportion is within the range 59.4 per cent to 60.6 per cent.
- 7. Published estimates may also be used to calculate the difference between two survey estimates (of numbers or percentages). Such an estimate is subject to sampling error. The sampling error of the difference between two estimates depends on their standard errors and the relationship (correlation) between them. An approximate standard error (SE) of the difference between two estimates (x-y) may be calculated by the following formula:

SE
$$(x-y) = \sqrt{[SE(x)]^2 + [SE(y)]^2}$$

While this formula will only be exact for differences between separate and uncorrelated characteristics or subpopulations it is expected to provide a good approximation for all differences likely to be of interest in this publication.

8. The imprecision due to sampling variability, which is measured by the standard error, should not be confused with inaccuracies that may occur because of imperfections in reporting by interviewers and respondents and errors made in coding and processing data. Inaccuracies of this

kind are referred to as the *non-sampling error*, and they may occur in any enumeration, whether it be a full count or a sample. Every effort is made to reduce the non-sam-

pling error to a minimum by careful design of questionnaires, intensive training and supervision of interviewers and efficient operating procedures.

STANDARD ERRORS OF ESTIMATES

	NSW	Vic.	Qld	SA	WA	Tas.	NT	ACT	A	ustralia
Size of estimate										Relative standard error
(Persons)					number —					(per cent)
100			130	110	120	. 80	130	100	120	117.6
200	230	230	190	160	180	120	170	140	180	89.0
300	290	280	240	200	220	150	210	170	230	75.2
400	340	330	280	230	250	180	240	200	270	66.6
500	380	370	310	260	280	200	260	220	300	60.5
600	420	410	340	280	310	220	280	240	340	55.9
800	480	470	390	330	350	250	320	270	390	49.2
1,000	540	530	440	370	390	280	360	300	450	44.5
1,300	620	610	500	410	440	320	400	340	510	39.6
1,500	660	650	530	440	470	340	430	360	560	37.0
1,800	720	710	580	480	510	360	470	390	610	34.0
2,000	760	750	610	510	540	380	490	410	650	32.4
2,500	850	840	680	560	600	420	540	450	730	29.2
3,000	920	910	740	610	650	450	590	490	800	26.8
3,500	990	980	800	660	700	480	630	520	870	24.9
4,000	1,050	1,050	850	700	740	510	670	550	930	23.3
4,500	1,100	1,100	900	730	780	540	710	580	990	22.0
5,000	1,200	1,150	940	770	820	560	750	600	1,050	20.9
6,000	1,300	1,250	1,000	830	880	600	810	650	1,150	19.1
10,000	1,600	1,600	1,300	1,050	1,100	730	1,050	800	1,500	14.8
20,000	2,200	2,200	1,750	1,400	1,500	920	1,400	1,050	2,050	10.4
50,000	3,250	3,250	2,600	2,050	2,150	1,200	2,150	1,500	3,150	6.3
100,000	4,300	4,300	3,400	2,650	2,850	1,500	3,000	1,900	4,300	4.3
200,000	5,700	5,600	4,500	3,450	3,700	1,750	4,200	2,450	5,800	2.9
300,000	6,600	6,600	5,200	3,950	4,300	1,900	.,	2,800	6,900	2.3
500,000	8,000	7,900	6,300	4,750	5,200	2,100		3,300	8,400	1.7
1,000,000	10,300	10,100	8,100	6,000	6,600	_,		2,200	11,100	1.1
2,000,000	13,000	12,800	10,300	7,500	8,400				14,300	0.7
5,000,000	17,600	17,100	13,900	,,500	٥,				19,700	0.4
10,000,000	21,800	1,,100	10,700						24,800	0.2

GLOSSARY

All persons: civilian population aged 15-69 years. See paragraph 3 of Explanatory Notes for details of exclusions.

Average duration of time spent looking for work: obtained by dividing the aggregate number of weeks a group has been looking for work by the number of persons in that group.

In the labour force: during any week of the reference period, persons who were reported as having either worked or looked for work were classified as in the labour force for that week.

In the labour force at some time (per cent): for a particular group, persons in the labour force at some time as a percentage of all persons in that group.

Looked for work: persons who were reported as being out of work and looking for a job.

Looked for work at some time (per cent): for a particular group, persons who looked for work at some time as a percentage of all persons in that group.

Median duration of time spent looking for work: the duration which divides persons who looked for work into two equal groups, one comprising persons whose time spent looking for work during the year is above the median, and the other, persons whose time spent looking for work is below it.

Multiple jobholders: all persons who had more than one job in the week before the interview. Persons who had more than one job solely by reason of changing jobs were not counted as multiple jobholders.

Not in the labour force: during any week of the reference period, persons who reported as having neither worked nor looked for work were classified as not in the labour force for that week.

Not in the labour force at some time (per cent): for a particular group, persons not in the labour force at some time as a percentage of all persons in that group.

Number of jobs held during the preceding year: excludes second jobs of multiple jobholders.

Number of spells of looking for work during the year: the number of different periods, including the current period, during which persons were reported as having been out of work and looking for a job.

Time in the labour force during the year: the total number of weeks persons were reported as having either worked or looked for work.

Time not in the labour force during the year: the total number of weeks persons were reported as having neither worked nor looked for work.

Time spent looking for work during the year: the total number of weeks persons were reported as being out of work and looking for a job.

Time worked during the year: the total number of weeks persons were reported as having either worked or been on paid leave. Periods of one week or more on strike or time off without pay are not classified as work.

Time worked full-time during the year: the total number of weeks persons were reported as having worked other than part-time.

Time worked part-time during the year: the total number of weeks persons were reported as having worked part-time.

Reference period: the 52 weeks up to the end of the week prior to interview. See also paragraph 13 of the Explanatory Notes, page 14.

Worked: persons who were reported as having either worked or been on paid leave.

Worked at some time (per cent): for a particular group, persons who worked at some time as a percentage of all persons in that group.

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The population(s) for a particular data item refers to the persons in the survey to whom the data item relates.

Refer to the glossaries in this publication and in The Labour Force, Australia (6203.0) for definitions of data items.

POPULATIONS

POPULATION 1:	All persons (excluding institutionalised and boarding school pupils)
POPULATION 2:	Persons in the labour force at some time during the year ending March 1992
POPULATION 3:	Persons who worked at some time during the year ending March 1992
POPULATION 4:	Persons who looked for work at some time during the year ending March 1992
POPULATION 5:	Persons not in the labour force at some time during the year ending March 1992
POPULATION 6:	Persons currently working who had worked for one year or more in current job

DA	TA ITEM POI	PULATIONS	DAT	A ITEM	POPULATIONS
1	STATE OF USUAL RESIDENCE New South Wales Victoria Oueensland	ALL	5	MARITAL STATUS Married Not-married	ALL
	South Australia Western Australia Tasmania Northern Territory Australian Capital Territory		6A	FAMILY STATUS (1) Member of a family Husband or wife With dependents present Without dependents present Sole parent	ALL
2	AREA OF USUAL RESIDENCE Metropolitan Non-metropolitan	ALL		Other family head without d Full-time student aged 15-24 Other child(b) of married co Other relative of married co	l(a) uple or family head
3	REGION OF USUAL RESIDENCE Standard labour force dissemination region	ALL		Not a member of a family Living alone Not living alone	
4	SEX Males Females	ALL		Family status not determined (a) Excludes persons aged 20-24 (b) Aged 15 and over.	attending school.

DATA ITEM	POPULATIONS	DATA ITEM POPULATIONS
6B FAMILY STATUS (2) Member of a family Husband or wife With children aged 0-14 Without children aged 0- Sole parent With children aged 0-14 Without children aged 0-14 Without children aged 0- Other family head Full-time student aged 15-2 Other child(b) of married c	present 14 present 14 present 4(a) ouple or family head	(Single years collected) 15-19 20-24 25-34 35-44 45-54 55-59 60-64 65-69
Other relative of married of Not a member of a family Living alone Not living alone Family status not determined		In labour force Had a job Looking for work Not in labour force
(a) Excludes persons aged 20-24(b) Aged 15 and over. 7A BIRTHPLACE AND PERIOD	1	1 FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME STATUS 6 AT MARCH 1992 Had a job Full-time
ARRIVAL Born in Australia Born outside Australia Arrived before 1971 Arrived 1971 – 1980 Arrived 1981 – 1990 Arrived 1991 to survey date		Part-time 2 TIME IN LABOUR FORCE DURING THE 1-5 YEAR Nil weeks In labour force at some time 1 and under 4 weeks 4 and under 13 weeks
7B BIRTHPLACE (1) Born in Australia Born outside Australia Born in main English speak Born in other countries	ALL cing countries(a)	13 and under 26 weeks 26 and under 39 weeks 39 and under 49 weeks 49 and under 52 weeks 52 weeks
 (a) Comprises UK, Ireland, Cana and New Zealand. 7C BIRTHPLACE (2) Born in Australia Born outside Australia Oceania New Zealand Europe and the USSR 		Nil weeks Worked at some time 1 and under 4 weeks 4 and under 13 weeks 13 and under 26 weeks 26 and under 39 weeks 39 and under 52 weeks 52 weeks
Germany Greece Italy Netherlands UK and Ireland Yugoslavia The Middle East and North Lebanon Southeast Asia Malaysia Philippines Vietnam Northeast Asia China The Americas Other India	Africa	4 TIME NOT IN THE LABOUR FORCE DURING THE YEAR Nil weeks Not in the labour force at some time 1 and under 4 weeks 4 and under 13 weeks 13 and under 26 weeks 26 and under 39 weeks 39 and under 52 weeks 52 weeks 5 NUMBER OF JOBS HELD DURING THE YEAR One Two Three

DAT	TA ITEM	POPULATIONS	DAI	ATTEM	TOTOLAT	10113
16	FULL-TIME/PART-TIME STATUS DURING THE YEAR Time worked was all full-time Time worked was most full-time, sor Time worked was most part-time, so Time worked was all part-time		21	WHETHER CEASED A JOB D THE YEAR Ceased a job Did not cease a job WHETHER IN LABOUR FOR TIME DURING THE YEAR		1-5
17	TIME SPENT LOOKING FOR WORDURING THE YEAR 1 and under 4 weeks 4 and under 8 weeks 8 and under 13 weeks 13 and under 26 weeks 26 and under 39 weeks	RK 1-5	23	In labour force at some time For whole year For part of year Not in labour force at any tim WHETHER LOOKED FOR W TIME DURING THE YEAR		1-5
	39 and under 52 weeks 52 weeks Did not look for work at any time			Looked for work Did not look for work		
18	DURATION OF CURRENT PERIOD LOOKING FOR WORK Currently looking for work 1 and under 2 weeks	OF 4	24	WHETHER WORKED AT SOI DURING THE YEAR Worked Did not work	ME TIME	1-5
	2 and under 4 weeks 4 and under 8 weeks 8 and under 13 weeks 13 and under 26 weeks 26 and under 39 weeks 39 and under 52 weeks 1 year and over Not currently looking for work but 1 work at some time	ooked for	25	NUMBER OF WEEKS WORK TIME DURING THE YEAR Worked part-time at some tim 1 and under 13 weeks 13 and under 26 weeks 26 and under 39 weeks 39 weeks and over Did not work part-time		ALL
19	NUMBER OF SPELLS OF LOOKIN WORK DURING THE YEAR One Two Three Four or more	G FOR 4				
20	MAIN ACTIVITY WHEN NOT IN T LABOUR FORCE Retired or voluntarily inactive Home duties/childcare Attended an educational institution Unpaid leave Own illness or injury Own disability or handicap Looking after ill/disabled person Travelled, moved house, holiday	HE 5				
	Worked in an unpaid voluntary job Other					

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